



**MINUTE OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY 2012**

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Naomi Zair
Fabio Villani, Vice Chair	Sandra MacLennan
John Bremner, Treasurer	Susan Reid
Andrew Anderson	Terry Monaghan
Anne Skene	Diane Smith
Brian McDonald	Helen Beveridge
Denise Gormley	Valerie Wardlaw
Issie Campbell	Tina Coffey
Kresanna Aigner	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Apologies	Alison Rimell, Angela Sutherland, Councillor Jeff Hamilton, Councillor Lee Bell	
Minute of meeting held in April 2012	<p>Approved by Naomi Zair, seconded by John Bremner with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg 3 Minutes of March meeting - Round the Table (RTT) - 13th bullet point should read Anne and not Fabio 	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Hamilton was due to submit a report in both March and April on the Fair Deal for Forres signs and MTP spending. A report has not been submitted and the deadline for MTP spending has passed without the paperwork being submitted this has meant the loss of £3,700 to the residents of Forres. Anne Skene 	

	<p>was asked if there had been any Fair Deal meetings recently she replied no meetings had been called in months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DALLAS programme – Carin informed those present that there will be a presentation on 3rd May, 2 pm at the Horizon if any one wished to attend. • A copy of the Funding book has been purchased and will be available for perusal in the Hub as from next week. • The hustings took place in Forres Academy on Monday 23rd April with 40 people attending including 7 candidates. The dining hall was booked but due to the noise of an outside generator the meeting was moved into the big hall. The bad acoustics in the hall meant that some present suggested that a microphone would have made it easier to hear the candidates. • Sandra has attended a meeting re the Pipe Band Championships, the meeting was well attended and very positive with offers of help in several categories. If anyone is interested please contact Ian Widdowson at Beaver Travel or Carlo Miele. • The FiB litter pick went well although the Easter Egg Hunt on 8th April was poorly attended with only 1 or 2 children turning up. • Film Forres showed Hugo on Friday 27th April with 150 people turning up to the viewing. However, the Film Marathon Day was a disappointment with only 35 people turning up during the whole day. A discussion took place as to why there was a lack of younger people and the perception seems to be that younger members may not think it “cool” to attend. What could be done in addition to the showing of films to draw in people? • TTF singing group – Kate O’Connell the choir mistress has commissioned the singer/songwriter Ali Burns, who has come up with 4 original songs on the theme of why the planet is in peril. On 21st April a workshop took place with 45 people attending singing accapella for 4 hours. The plan is to put on a concert at St John’s Church on 26th May at 7 pm, all monies raised will go towards the pavilion at Bogton Road. 	
Treasurers report	The current balance is £1,822.20. Susan’s account is up to £600. A letter has been received from the Moray Council advising the FAF of their intention to give	.

	£1,493.79 to be paid at a future date.	
Presentation by Moray Arts Centre	Diane Smith and Helen Beveridge kindly attended the meeting to explain what Moray Arts Centre has been committed to doing within the area.	
Age Scotland – Forres Concerns	Naomi Zair attended this meeting, there were 30+ people present including Susie Gentle who stated that a map would be needed of Forres. There is already a map although lots of changes suggested by Age Scotland are not on this map. It was suggested instead of new paving stones a zebra crossing would be more useful down at the war memorial. John Bremner stated that a few years ago McCarthy and Stone went to the Moray Council and gave a presentation at which they agreed to put in a crossing at Market Street and a CCTV camera was to be placed in the centre of the roundabout; when this went before the Moray Council Planning Department the idea was scrubbed as the Council said it was not needed. Naomi suggested that Susie Gentle came to the FAF and gave a talk as to what Age Scotland's aims are. Carin to contact Susie Gentle.	CS
FAF Grant Assistance Form	The FAF grant assistance form had two amendments before it could be signed off these were after the title Forres Area Forum the initials FAF in brackets are to be added and at point 3 the following is to be added after the word receipts – “within an agreed time scale”. Anne Skene queried as to how this was to be publicised and Carin replied that there had been articles placed in the Gazette and another could be put in before June, work would be done with FACTs Lead Development Officers (LDO) and the CSU to disseminate the form further. Anne is to put out a press release and a short piece which could also be sent to the FAF email distribution list before the June meeting. There is a list of 200+ organisations who are in the area and Terry asked if it were possible to hold a social function perhaps twice a year so these groups could network, suggestions for a name for this could be Spirit of Volunteering or a Springle. The list of community organisations will be more up to date and it was thought that an event could take place in September so that the FAF and CSU could work together on this. Carin, Sandra and Kresanna are to work on this. It was also agreed that the FAF would participate in the Fusion Family Day to be held on 16 th June, 10 am til 2 pm to be held in Grant Park, organised by Evan Cameron from Forres Academy. FiB have a tent pitch and are willing to share this with FAF members. Anne, Sandra and Carin will attend.	CS/SM/KA
Moray Town	A few amendments were made and it is still a draft but	

Partnership-3 year plan - Draft	has been forwarded to Alan McBeath. It should be kept as a live document and the document has also been shared with the Local Development Officers (LDO) of FACT who are going out into outlying areas. This document is to be updated as and when.	
Consultations	The Taxi Fair consultation is out and closed on 30 th April.	
Road Works	Terry met with James Smith and walked around Forres. Any decisions are delayed until July/August. Terry is to discuss the roundabout at Market Street and St Catherine's Road. Naomi requested that the subject of the zebra crossing at Market Street in Forres be brought up at a Community Council meeting, John stated this subject had gone to planning and was deemed not to be required by the Council a few years ago.	TM
FACT Update	At the recent FACT board meeting it was agreed that LDO's work from home and work round the area at open offices throughout May. Tina is to circulate the schedule of where the LDO's will be.	TC
Community Engagement	Carin Schwartz discussed the possible interest in a car pool within the Forres area. The most popular car pool within the UK is one being run out of Findhorn Park, at present there are 30 members with access to 6 cars whenever they want with costings of £100 per month. To enable the car pool to work within Forres there would need to be 10 members per car.	
Round The Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra – the Forres Theme Day is to be held on Sunday 6th May in Grant Park, there will be 20 pipe bands on the day who will use this as practice for the Pipe Championships. There will be a Buddhist Group on Faith Sunday 1st July and for community involvement they have volunteered to paint the railings at Grant Park. There is to be a meeting of the Mosset Group to clear the burn – no date as yet. The Wee Fibbees are going from strength to strength with 14 members at present, sunflower seeds have been handed out to all primary schools. Sandra met with Steve Trulach who is willing to give a presentation on the flood alleviation plans the date is to be announced. A sign recently erected will have to be taken down temporarily whilst work is carried out and there is an offer to store the sign. Fabio – the FACT LDOs open office schedule is to be circulated and a reminder was given to vote on the 3rd May. There is to be a FACT board meeting on 14th 	

	<p>May, 7 pm at the Community Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi – will be attending a meeting on behalf of the Older Persons Reference Group later this month. • Denise – there will be an information session re internships on 10th May, 10.30 am to midday at the Heritage Centre in Elgin. • Denise and Issie will be holding marketing training on 13th June at 7 pm in the Forres Community Centre and on 20th June at Lossiemouth. • Kresanna – there will be a Master and Champions event on 10th June and a mobile foundry on 26th May at the Moray Arts Centre. • Valerie – the following Horrible Histories will take place - Vile Witches, 19th May 11 am to 4 pm at the Falconer Museum, Wily Warriors 19th May 11 am – 4 pm at Elgin Museum and Slimy Sea Dogs 20th May 12 to 5 pm at the Findhorn Heritage Centre. • Susan – the Fusions Team will meet with army wives on 3rd May. • John – there will be a Community Council Meeting on 17th May and a Data Protection workshop on 23rd May at 7 pm to be held at NEON. <p>The European Orienteering Championships are to take place in this area from 28th July to 3rd August 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carin – Patrick Chalmers, journalist, will give a talk to TTF on 3rd May from 7 – 9 pm in the Community Centre on How Journalism is Destroying our Bogus Democracy, he will then take a question and answer session. Carin has started to exchange minutes with Dyke Community Council and will circulate the minutes to all. • Family Day – 16th June, 10 am til 2 pm run by the Fusions Team to be held in Grant Park, organised by Evan Cameron from Forres Academy. FiB have a tent pitch and are willing to share this with FAF Anne, Sandra and Carin will attend. 	
Next Meeting	Next meeting 6 th June at 7pm in the Community Centre. Andrew Anderson will be giving a presentation on the Forres Enterprise Zone. In July Kresanna Aigner will be giving a presentation on Findhorn Bay Arts Festival.	